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8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests; serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

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12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage, of fodder, etc.

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	Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*
Prices of food grains—Rice ...	7½	5¼ to 6 seers per rupee.
Ragi ...	19	9½ to 10

Agricultural operations.—Paddy under harvest.

Standing crops are withering for want of rain.

Cattle are in good condition. Water and fodder sufficient.

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8. Market well supplied for the present.

9. *Standing crops.*—Hingar standing wet and dry crops are reported to be withering throughout the district for want of rain. Sugar-cane is reported to be withering in the Devanhalli and Kankanhalli Taluks.

Crops harvested.—First sown ragi is reported to have been harvested in the Bangalore, Nelamangala, Kankanhalli, Anekal and Devanhalli Taluks. First sown ragi in the taluks of Channapatna and Hoskote and in the Closepet Sub-Taluk, kulthi in the Nelamangala and Magadi Taluks, samè in the Hoskote Taluk and doddi paddy in the Magadi Taluk, are be... harvested.

Estimated outturn of harvests.—

Nelamangala Taluk.—Ragi, yield from 1 to 6 annas in some parts and from 4 to 12 annas in other parts.

Anekal Taluk and Closepet Sub-Taluk.—Ragi, yield 6 to 12 annas.

Devanhalli Taluk.—Ragi, yield from 2 to 8 annas.

Parts of Channapatna Taluk.—Ragi, yield less than 2 annas.

10. Prospects of the season are not encouraging. Rainfall has been insufficient throughout the district. Food stuffs are available, but their prices are reported to be high.

11. Public health generally good. But plague in some parts of the Kankanhalli Taluk and fever and cold in some parts of the Magadi Taluk are still prevailing.

12. Except for "Dod Roga" prevailing in the Bidadi Hobli, Closepet Sub-Taluk, and in parts of the Kankanhalli Taluk, cattle generally healthy. Supply of fodder insufficient in parts of the Dodballapur, Devanhalli, Nelamangala, Magadi and Channapatna Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk. Dried up standing ragi crops in the Madure Hobli, Dodballapur Taluk, it is reported have been allowed to be fed on by cattle. In parts of Dodballapur and Devanhalli and in the Closepet Sub-Taluk, water is obtainable with difficulty.

KOLAR.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Standing wet and dry crops* have been withering throughout the district for want of rain.

Crops sown.—Bengal gram in beds of tanks in Bowringpet, Chintamani and Sidlaghatta and cholum also in beds of tanks in parts of Sidlaghatta, Goribidnur and Gudibanda.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in Bagepalli, Goribidnur and Gudibanda; samè in Mulbagal, Bagepalli and Goribidnur; paddy in parts of Bowringpet; gid ragi in Bagepalli, Goribidnur and Gudibanda; and ragi in almost all the taluks of the district.

Outturn of harvests.—

Samè in Mulbagal, yield 4 annas.
Do in Bagepalli, yield from 2 to 6 annas.
Do in Goribidnur, do 2 to 3 „
Paddy in Bowringpet, do 8 to 10 „
Gid ragi in Bagepalli, do
Do in Goribidnur, do } 8 to 12 „
Do in Gudibanda, do

Sugar-cane in Bagepalli, Goribidnur and Gudibanda, yield from 8 to 12 annas.
Ragi, yield from 4 to 6 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Rain is very badly needed throughout the district. Food stuffs available, but their prices continue to be very high.

11. Except for cholera in the Mudavatti village, Kolar Taluk, plague in two villages of the Kolar Taluk and small-pox in parts of Mulbagal, public health generally good.

12. It is reported that Rinderpest is still prevailing in parts of Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta, Goribidnur, Bagepalli and Gudibanda. Water and fodder sufficient for the present.

TUMKUR.

8. Supply in market moderate.

9. *Standing crops* are reported to have withered away in the taluks of Tumkur, Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli, Tiptur and Kunigal and in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. In other taluks they are withering. Wet crops under wells in the Maddagiri and Pavagada Taluks are in good condition.

Crops sown.—Cholum and Bengal gram in the Maddagiri, Sira, Gubbi and Pavagada Taluks and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk; Bengal gram in the Kunigal Taluk and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; and paddy under wells in the Maddagiri and Pavagada Taluks.

Crops harvested.—Ragi in all the taluks, except Kunigal; paddy in the Maddagiri, Sira and Gubbi Taluks, and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; castor in the Chiknayakanhalli and Gubbi Taluks; paddy in the Maddagiri, Sira and Gubbi Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; horse gram in the Chiknayakanhalli and Pavagada Taluks; sugar-cane in the Sira Taluk and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; and navané, baragu, samé and haraka, in certain parts of the Maddagiri, Sira, Gubbi and Tiptur Taluks.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Food stuffs are available for the present, but their prices continue to be high.

11. Except for small-pox at the villages of Sadarhalli and Madanamadu in the Chiknayakanhalli Taluk, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" still prevails among cattle in the Tumkur, Gubbi and Tiptur Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Owing to ragi and other crops having been harvested recently, fodder is procurable in limited quantities in all the taluks, except in portions of the taluks of Tumkur and Kunigal and the Sub-Taluk of Turuvekere. Date leaves and leaves of trees are being used as fodder in the taluks of Chiknayakanhalli and Tiptur and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Water scarcity is being felt in several villages of the Tumkur, Tiptur and Pavagada Taluks. It is reported that some cattle from the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk have been taken to Coorg,, the Nilgiris, Tarikere, Shimoga and Heggaddevankote.

MYSORE.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands in parts of the Gundlupet Taluk are being ploughed and made ready for sowing kar seeds.

Standing crops.—Dry and wet crops under tanks are reported to be withering for want of rain. Paddy under some tanks in the Chamrajnagar Taluk is reported to be in good condition. Wet crops also under river channels are generally in good condition.

Crops harvested.—Hain ragi in parts of the Mysore Taluk; ragi and togari in parts of the Chamrajnagar and T.-Narsipur Taluks; paddy and ragi in parts of the Seringapatam Taluk; and paddy in parts of the Hunsur, Yedatore and Krishnarajpete Taluks.

Estimated outturn of crops :—

Hunsur Taluk—Paddy, yield 12 annas.
Gundlupet Taluk—Harvested ragi, yield from 6 to 8 annas.
Malvalli Taluk—Harvested ragi and samè, yield 8 annas each.
Krishnarajpete Taluk—Paddy, yield 12 annas.
Do Ragi, yield 4 annas.

10. Prospects of the season indifferent in certain parts and not good in others. The standing dry crops are in urgent need of rain in all parts of the district. Food grains are available with raiyats and merchants, but their prices are still high.

11. Except for plague in a few places in the district, public health generally good.

12. Cattle are suffering from "Dod Roga" in parts of the Mysore, Chamrajnagar, Heggaddevankote and Gundlupet Taluks, and from "Sappe Roga" in parts of the Mysore, Yedatore and Malvalli Taluks. Fodder scarce in the Krishnarajpete and Nagamangala Taluks. In other parts, it is available for the present. Tanks are running dry. Water is available at present for men and cattle, except in the Nagamangala Taluk.

HASSAN.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Avare, hurali, togari, castor, haraka, etc., in the Channarayapatna Taluk and ragi, avare, kulthi, etc., in the Arsikere Taluk, are reported to require rain urgently. Ragi, avare, kulthi, etc., in the Alur Sub-Taluk; and black gram, castor, avare, etc., in the Hassan, Arkalgud, Hole-Narsipur and Belur Taluks are reported to be in need of rain; and paddy, and sugar-cane, under channels in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk are reported to be in good condition.

Crops sown.—Bengal gram and jola in the Belur and Channarayapatna Taluks are sown in beds of tanks in which there is no water.

Crops harvested.—Paddy in the Hassan, Manjarabad, Belur, Channarayapatna, Arkalgud and Hole-Narsipur Taluks and the Alur Sub-Taluk; sugar-cane in the Hassan and Channarayapatna Taluks; togari in the Hassan and Hole-Narsipur Taluks; and Dod ragi in parts of the Arsikere, Channarayapatna and Hole-Narsipur Taluks; these are being harvested.

10. Prospects of the season generally fair, but rain is required throughout the district, and more especially in parts of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Hassan and Channarayapatna Taluks, public health generally good.

12. Cattle are generally in fair condition. "Dod Roga" is prevalent in the Manjarabad and Arkalgud Taluks. It is reported to be subsiding in the Hassan Taluk. Pasture and fodder are generally available. In parts of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, where grass is not sufficiently grown, dug-up grass and jola stalks are being used. It is reported that many cart-loads of paddy and ragi straw are being taken to Arsikere from the Hassan Taluk for being sold there. It is also reported that some people from Kunigal and other maidan taluks have gone with a number of cattle for grazing purposes to the Manjarabad Taluk. It is reported that 356 head of cattle (besides the 800 referred to in the last week's report) from the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks as also from the taluks of Tiptur, Gubbi and Kunigal have been brought during the week to the Belur Taluk, for grazing in the kavals there. Difficulty for water having been felt in parts of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, estimates amounting to Rs. 950 and Rs. 1,550, respectively, have been sanctioned for sinking wells in these two taluks.

SHIMOGA.

8. Supply in markets is moderate.

9. *Standing crops.*—Cotton and horse gram in the Shimoga Taluk; togari and avare in the Shimoga and Honnali Taluks; sugar-cane in all the taluks; and paddy in the Shimoga, Shikarpur, Sorab, Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks; these are in fair condition; but they are in need of more rain.

Crops harvested.—Paddy in portions of the Shimoga, Honnali, Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks; ragi in the Shimoga and Channagiri Taluks; jola in the Channagiri and Honnali Taluks; mustard, chillies, navane and koresane in the Honnali Taluk; and arecanut in the Tirthahalli and Nagar Taluks; these are being harvested. Sugar-cane is being milled in portions of the Channagiri Taluk.

Probable outturn of crops—

Shimoga Taluk—Paddy and ragi, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Channagiri Taluk—Paddy, yield 8 annas.
Jola, do
Ragi, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Honnali Taluk—Paddy and jola, yield 8 annas.
Shikarpur Taluk—Paddy and sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.
Dry crops, yield 3 annas.
Sagar Taluk—Paddy, yield 8 annas.
Nagar Taluk— Do
Tirthahalli Taluk— Do
Kumsi Sub-Taluk— Do
Ragi, yield 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season are not so fair as in previous years, owing to want of rains. Food stuffs are available in limited quantities but their prices are still on the rise.

11. Except for plague prevailing in the Shimoga town and in the Kumsi Sub-Taluk, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. But Murrain prevails among them in the Honnali and Sagar Taluks. Water and fodder available for the present. But their want is likely to be felt in the near future.

KADUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops* :—

In Chikmagalur—Paddy, ragi, avare, gingelly, castor, kulthi, coriander, jola, sugar-cane, wheat and coffee.
In Kadur—Paddy, ragi, jola, sugar-cane, avare, Bengal gram, chillies, wheat, kulthi, navane and savè.
In Tarikere—Paddy, ragi, kulthi, avare, jola, togari, navane, baragu, coriander, gingelly, sugar-cane, green gram and black gram.
In Koppa—Paddy, sugar-cane, areca, coffee and pepper.
In Mudgere—Paddy, ragi, cardamom, sugar-cane and coffee.
In Yedahalli—Paddy, sugar-cane, areca and coffee.
In Sringeri—Paddy and areca.
Standing wet and dry crops have been withering for want of rain.

Crops harvested and their yield :—

In Chikmagalur—Paddy, yield from 4 to 12 annas.
Do Ragi do 2 to 4 „
Do Coffee do 4 to 8 „
In Kadur—Ragi, savè, paddy, chillies, navane, jola and sugar-cane, yield not given.
In Tarikere—Paddy, ragi and jola, yield not given.
In Koppa—Paddy, arecanut and coffee, yield 8 annas.
In Yedahalli—Paddy, yield from 4 to 6 annas.
Do —Areca, yield from 8 to 10 „
In Sringeri—Paddy and areca, yield not given.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Rain is urgently needed throughout the district and especially in the maidan parts to save the situation. Supply of food stuffs sufficient for the present, but their prices are very high.

11. Except for plague in certain villages of the Kadur and Tarikere Taluks, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. Water and fodder are available in the malnad; but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan parts of the district. In some parts of the Kadur Taluk, cattle are being fed on dried up standing crops and date leaves.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops*, such as ragi, jola, cotton, navane, avare, togari, paddy, sugar-cane, castor, Bengal gram and horse-gram, are reported to be generally withering for want of rain. But those under *kapile* wells and channels are in fairly good condition. Rain is urgently wanted for the standing crops throughout the district.

Crops sown.—Bengal gram in the Challakere, Holalkere and Davangere Taluks; and jola, navane and wheat in the Challakere Taluk.

Crops harvested and their yield.—Ragi, navane and sajje in the Chitaldrug, Challakere and Molakalmuru Taluks, yield from 2 to 8 annas; togari in the Chitaldrug and Holalkere Taluks, yield from 2 to 8 annas; jola in the Chitaldrug and Molakalmuru Taluks, yield from 2 to 8 annas; navane in the Holalkere Taluk, yield from 4 to 8 annas; samè in the Chitaldrug and Challakere Taluks, yield from 2 to 8 annas; horse gram in the Challakere, Holalkere and Chitaldrug Taluks, yield from 2 to 8 annas; paddy, sesamum, sugar-cane and cotton in the Chitaldrug Taluk, yield from 4 to 8 annas; chillies and hutchellu in the Holalkere Taluk, yield from 4 to 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season fair, except in parts of the Hiriyur, Challakere and Hosdurga Taluks. Food stuffs available.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy, except in parts of the Chitaldrug and Holalkere Taluks, where Rinderpest prevails. Water and fodder available, except in parts of the Hosdurga, Hiriyur and Challakere Taluks.

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